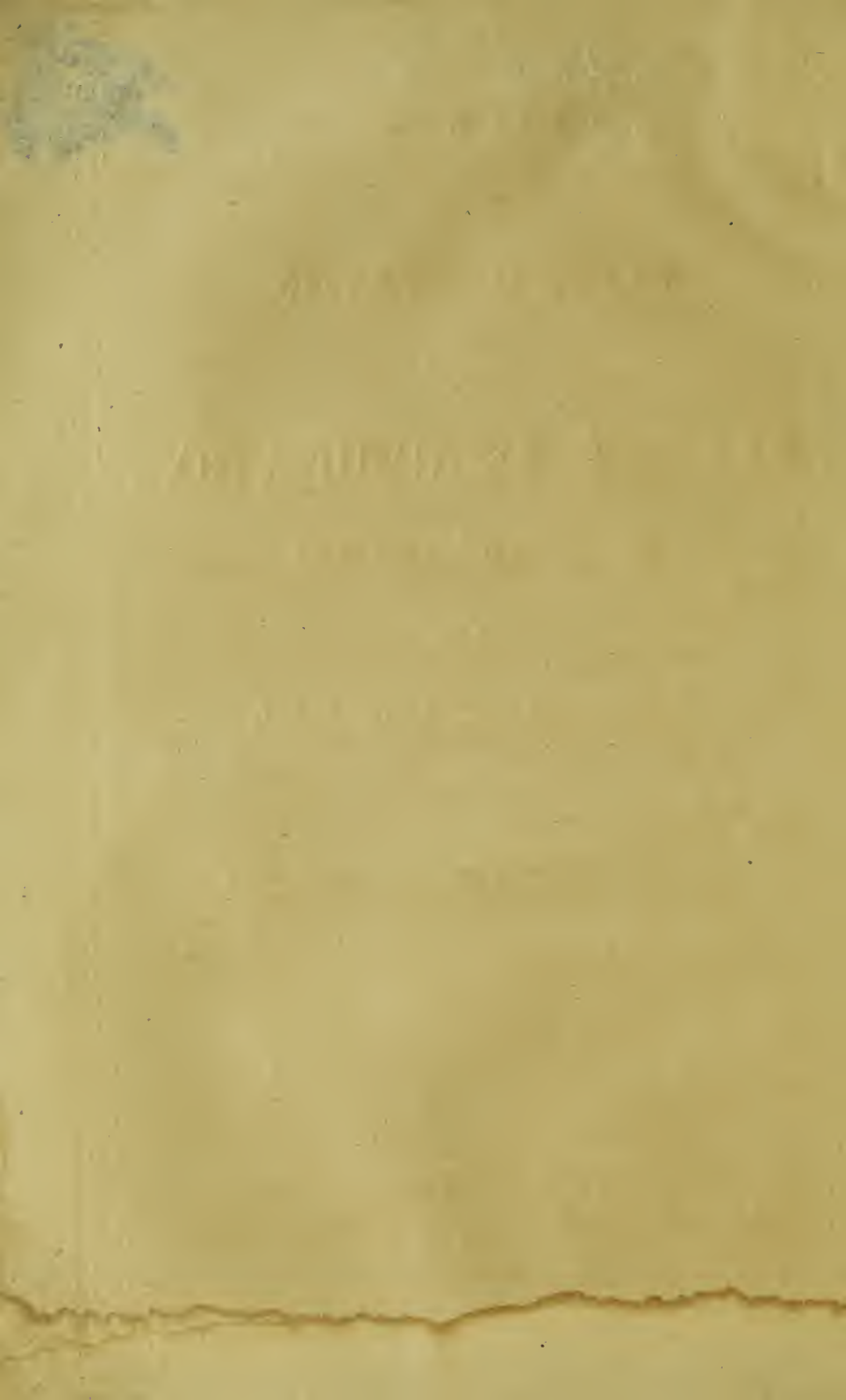


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MINUTES OF THE STATE CONVENTION.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Cuthbert, from John.

Credentials of delegates were received, and their names enrolled, as follows:

Charleston Association.—J. R. Kendrick, J. H. Cuthbert, B. W. Whilden,* T. W. Mellichamp,* J. Scott, Jas. Tupper,* D. Sheppard,* T. Adams, H. China,* W. E. Hughson, M. T. Mendenhall, H. W. Mahoney, N. Graham, C. Entzminger, J. S. Ansley.

Edgefield Association.—W. B. Johnson, J. M. Chiles,* Z. Watkins, W. P. Hill, J. Trapp,* A. M. Cartledge,* B. Boatwright,* Jas. Tompkins,* W. Royal,* I. J. Coleman.

Savannah River Association.—W. A. Lawton, A. J. Lawton,* T. T. Hopkins, R. W. Fuller, W. T. Sanders,* W. H. Robert, H. D. Duncan, H. A. Duncan, I. Nicholes, J. J. Furse,* J. A. Lawton, T. W. Rambant, E. Estes, I. L. Brooks, B. H. Brown,* R. J. Davant, R. Bradford,* J. Fant,* A. D. Cohen, E. Perry,* B. S. Sweat.*

Welch Neck Association.—J. Culpepper, S. Furman, J. M. Timmons,* J. O. B. Dargan, R. Furman, L. DuPre, R. Napier,* T. P. Lide, J. L. Hart,* C. W. Miller,* R. G. Edwards, J. E. Dargan, J. W. Burn,* A. McIver.

Edisto Association.—W. Brooker, W. Watkins, D. Williamson,* W. Fort,* W. Johnson,* J. G. O. Wilkinson,* L. Hickson,* J. Head, A. Horn,* J. Garvin.*

Charleston Female Missionary and Education Society.—J. R. Kendrick, B. C. Pressley, M. T. Mendenhall.

Tiger River Association.—J. M. C. Breaker, C. J. Elford, E. F. Dean.

Anderson District Missionary Society.

Buffalo Creek.

Moriah Association.

Salem Association.—J. Davis,* J. S. Mims, P. C. Edwards, W. Nolen,* J. C. Furman, G. W. Brooks,* J. T. Jeter,* A. Johnson.*

2. The following officers were elected. W. B. Johnson, *President*, J. C. Furman, *Secretary*.

3. Read the Rules of Order, and the Constitution of the Convention.

4. A letter was received from the Mill Creek Sewing Society, formed for the purpose of aiding in the promotion of ministerial educa-

tion, asking admission into the Convention, as a constituent body. The request was unanimously granted, and their representative, J. R. Shurley, welcomed to a seat. A similar communication was received from the Broad River Society, for the spread of the gospel, by the hands of Rev. Dr. Curtis, who was unanimously received as their representative.

5. A letter was received from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention, by the hands of the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. James B. Taylor, who was cordially invited to a seat. A corresponding letter was also received from the Saluda Baptist Association. A letter was also received from the North Carolina Convention, by the hands of Rev. W. H. Jordan.

6. Ministering brethren present were invited to a seat.

7. The following Committees were announced by the President.

On Preaching.—The Minister and Deacons of the Church, J. Scott, and R. G. Edwards.

On the time and place of the next meeting, and on the nomination of persons to perform the stated services.—P. C. Edwards, J. S. Ansley, W. A. Lawton, A. E. McIver, W. Brooker, N. Graham, E. F. Dean, Z. Watkins.

On the nomination of the Board of Agents.—H. D. Duncan, T. Adams, W. P. Hill, J. O. B. Dargan, W. Watkins.

On Accounts.—T. P. Lide, C. J. Elford, R. J. Davant, B. C. Pressley, C. Entzminger.

8. R. Furman was appointed to write to the Saluda Association, J. R. Kendrick to write to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, R. W. Felder, to the Georgia Baptist State Convention.

9. Brethren Hill, Z. Watkins, J. M. C. Breaker, W. H. Robert, J. S. Ansley, C. J. Elford, were appointed Messengers to the Saluda Association. R. Furman, A. D. Cohen, J. O. B. Dargan, to the North Carolina Convention.

10. J. Culpepper was appointed to write to the Western Baptist Convention of North-Carolina, and brethren Johnson, Watkins and Cohen, were appointed Messengers.

11. On motion, it was resolved, that two committees be raised, one on Foreign Missions, and the other on Domestic Missions: the former to consist of Rambant, Kendrick and Dargan; the latter, of Curtis, Pressley and Hopkins.

12. The following committee was appointed to nominate members for the Board of Trustees, of the Furman Theological Institution.—J. Culpepper, J. A. Lawton, W. B. Hill, H. A. Duncan, J. H. Cuthbert.

13. *Resolved*, That this Convention see with real pleasure, the great improvements recently made in the "*Southern Baptist*," both in respect to its mechanical execution, and the ability with which the editorial department is conducted, and earnestly urge its claims to patronage upon the denomination in South Carolina.

14. Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock, on Monday. Prayer by Dr. Curtis.

LORD'S DAY.

The pulpit was occupied in the morning, by brother I. L. Brooks, who preached the Charity Sermon from Prov. xi. 24, and by brother J. B. Taylor, who presented interesting statements in regard to the Foreign Missionary work, under the care of the Southern Baptist Convention. In the afternoon, a sermon was preached by Dr. McClay, and the Lord's Supper was administered by brethren Johnson and Taylor.

MONDAY, 10 o'clock.

15. The Convention met. Prayer by brother Estes.

16. The committee on the time and place of next meeting, and the persons to preach the Introductory, and the Charity Sermons, reported, That our next meeting be at Greenville, to commence on Saturday, before the second Lord's Day, in December, 1848: that E. Estes preach the Introductory Sermon, Joseph A. Lawton, his alternate: that Dr. Curtis preach the Charity Sermon, J. R. Kendrick his alternate. The report was concurred in.

17. The committee on nomination of a Board of Agents, reported, when the following brethren were appointed, viz: W. B. Johnson, A. J. Lawton, J. S. Mims, J. H. Cuthbert, J. Culpepper, Z. Watkins, W. P. Hill..

18. The letter to the Saluda Association, and that to the Georgia Convention, were read and approved.

19. On motion, it was

Resolved, 1. That this Convention heartily approve of the organization of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, and commend it to the sympathies, prayers and co-operation of the churches in South Carolina.

2. That we cordially welcome Rev. R. Furman as its Corresponding Secretary, and invite him to present the claims of the Society to the Convention.

The Convention then took recess to 2 o'clock.

2 o'clock.

20. The Convention resumed business.

The Committee on Domestic Missions submitted the following report:

Your Committee on Domestic Missions respectfully report,

That since the late separation from the Northern Board, increased attention has been paid to the peculiarities, and peculiar destitution of the South as a field of missionary labor. Baptist principles are particularly adapted to prevail here; and to become readily, under

God's blessing, the comfort and guide of all classes of our population. But we have not come up to this work with the zeal of some other of our Christian brethren. South Carolina presents in every association great spiritual need.

During the year we have been visited by brother Hill, the Agent of the Board of Southern Missions, attached to the Southern Baptist Convention, and the committee have derived from him valuable information as to this subject. It appears that the Board just mentioned, have altogether but 35 missionaries in the Southern field, and that in our State alone are found abundant opportunities for the occupation for the whole number.

The agent states that he has been cordially received everywhere, and that liberal contributions have been placed in his hands.

In these circumstances, your committee will make but the single observation, that while other benevolent objects are necessarily pressed upon our notice, Domestic Missions duly conducted, will feed and sustain, in an essential way, the whole—by arousing alike churches and individual Christians to their duties, and scattering the life-giving seed in the regions and among the shadows of spiritual death.

They recommend the increased attention of brethren and churches to the agent of our Southern Board; through whom more liberal efforts in this good cause will, we believe, be most effectually directed.

THOMAS CURTIS, *Chairman.*

Report concurred in.

21. The Committee on nomination of a Board of Trustees, reported, and the following brethren were elected to constitute the Board, viz: W. B. Johnson, J. S. Mims, T. P. Lide, J. C. Furman, J. O. B. Dargan, A. J. Lawton, J. A. Lawton, S. Furman, Y. J. Harrington, Z. Watkins, M. T. Mendenhall, A. Rice, J. B. O'Neill, S. Culpepper, W. Brooker, R. Furman, T. Curtis, H. D. Duncan, E. Estes, J. R. Kendrick, W. P. Hill, H. A. Duncan, I. Nicholes, T. Adams, J. L. Brooks, R. G. Edwards.

22. The following preamble and resolutions were submitted and adopted. Whereas, Rev. Jonathan Davis, late President of the Board of Trustees of Furman Theological Institution, has signified his wish to retire from the Board, in consequence of his afflictions which will impose an interdiction upon his attendance at its meetings, Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we sympathise with our brother in those afflictions which deprive us of his services.

2. That we entertain a grateful sense of those services, and that our best wishes for his present and eternal welfare, accompany him in his retirement from the labors in which we have so long associated with him.

23. The bond of the Treasurer was received from James Tup-

per, Esq., who was appointed by the Convention, at its last meeting, to attend to its execution. It was committed, by vote, to the Presiding officer for safe keeping.

24. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this Convention do sell the stock in the Bank of the United States, to wit: forty-two shares, as represented in Certificates Nos. 2573, 3163, 3164, 3431, 4160, as early as he may deem expedient, and if required, that the President of this Convention furnish the Treasurer with a legal certificate of his appointment to that office.

25. Received the report of the Board of Trustees. On motion, the Report was laid on the table, to be taken up to-morrow morning.

26. Ordered, that the public collection made on Lord's Day, be equally divided between Foreign Missions and Education, excepting so much as was specifically designated for African Missions.

27. Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by J. C. Furman.

TUESDAY.

Convention met. Prayer by N. Graham.

28. The letters to the North Carolina State Convention and the Western Convention of N. C., were read and approved.

29. The Report of the Board of Trustees was taken up, and on motion, it was,

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of Trustees be received, adopted, and so much thereof as relates to the recent editorials in the Baptist Guardian, published at Richmond, in Virginia, touching the Furman Institution, be published in the Minutes.

Resolved, That the confidence of this Convention in the conduct and management of the Furman Institution, and in the integrity, competency and efficiency of the several professors, remains unimpaired.

Resolved, That the usual abstracts from the report of the Board of Trustees, be published in the minutes.

30. On motion, it was

Resolved, That we heartily approve and recommend to the prayers and contributions of our churches, "The American Society for meliorating the condition of the Jews," as also their monthly periodical, "The Jewish Chronicle," as the appropriate medium through which information may be obtained and diffused, in reference to the efforts and success of the Missionaries sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*

31. The notice of the late beloved and lamented Dr. John K. McIver, having failed to be printed in the minutes of last year, Dr.

*Persons desiring to take this periodical, may address Rev. A. D. Cohen, Charleston.

Johnson was requested to furnish another such notice, to be printed with the minutes of this meeting.

Resolved, That the President prepare a resolution expressive of the feelings of this Convention on the loss they have sustained by the death of the late Dr. J. K. McIver, to be inserted in the Minutes and also in the columns of the Carolina Baptist.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from this world, Dr. John K. McIver, late a member of this Convention ;

Resolved, That we regard the death of this excellent man as no ordinary loss to this body, of which he was a valuable and efficient member ; nor as an ordinary loss to the agencies of the Denomination, for the advancement of truth and righteousness in the earth. A spiritual Christian, his example exerted no small power over those with whom he was associated. Consistent in character, he adorned the doctrine of God, his Savior, in all things. Liberal in his views, he was ever ready to contribute of his substance for the promotion of Zion's interests. Long, very long, will his name be held in grateful remembrance by the surviving members of his family, the Church, and community of which he was a member, and by the members of this Body.

2. That we offer our sincere condolence to the mourning relatives of our departed brother, and his bereaved church, under this painful ordering of our common Father in Heaven, which deprived the first of an affectionate father, and the last of an efficient officer, and invaluable member.

32. The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted the following report, which was concurred in.

The Committee on Foreign Missions having had the subject under consideration, present the following

REPORT.

It is the privilege of God's people to devote their lives to the spread of the knowledge of Christ. And never does a Christian or a church appear more truly Christ's, than when laboring for the advancement of his cause. The heathen is desired for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. For this cause your Committee has been truly gratified in contemplating the subject of Foreign Missions, as connected with the Southern Baptists.

The great fields of China and Africa, overflowing with inhabitants, and easy of access, certainly present a powerful appeal. Nor has it been made without effect. Twenty missionaries, inclusive of the missionaries' wives, and the native assistants, are already in the employment of the Board, and the contributions of the churches to their support, give evidence that the interest is still in its vigor. Considering the numerous calls constantly pressing the churches of our State, and the liberality with which they have been severally answered, we think ourselves justified in this statement. Upwards of

two thousand dollars have been contributed within the past year, and since the Board has succeeded in procuring an Agent to visit the churches, we hope for a much better report the next year.

Your Committee, however, consider it proper to state why they think it necessary that efforts be made to increase the amount of contribution. The Board feels itself obliged to keep its expenditure within its income, and consequently has no provision for the increase of laborers. Now this should be remedied for two reasons. The first is, while death is thinning the ranks already in action, others should be preparing to fill their places. The second, immediate employment should be given to those impressed with the duty of devoting themselves to the heathen. Of both these it has been already admonished in the melancholy death of Brother Clopton, and the candidates, for whose support it feels itself incompetent.

In conclusion, your Committee would respectfully offer the following resolutions.

That the Pastors of the churches be affectionately requested to have stated times for bringing the subject of Missions before their people, with a view to render their subscriptions regular, and give permanency to the resources of the Board.

That we affectionately invite those who have already given to this cause, to inquire into the duty of enlarging their contributions, and using efforts to enlist the assistance of those who have not yet been interested in this most glorious work.

That we take pleasure in commending Bro. W. H. Robert, who has just entered upon the duties of Agent for the Board of Foreign Missions, to the kind attention of the churches, for the cause sake.

THOS. W. RAMBAUT, *Chairman*.

33. The Committee on accounts submitted a report on the account of T. W. Haynes, for printing the minutes of last year. In accordance with the recommendation of the report, means were taken by the members of the Convention for the payment of said claim.

34. The same committee then reported on the state of the funds. Report concurred in and ordered to be printed.

35. The resolution of last year, calling upon the constituent bodies to contribute regularly for the purpose of defraying the expenses of publishing the Minutes of the Convention, was again passed.

36. The printing and distribution of 1500 copies of the minutes of this meeting, were committed to the Treasurer.

37. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, for the generous hospitality extended to the numerous delegates and visitors, who were in attendance on the Convention.

After prayer and an address by the presiding officer, the Convention adjourned.

W. B. JOHNSON, *President*.

JAMES C. FURMAN, *Secretary*.

*State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina, in
account with M. T. Mendenhall, Treasurer.*

DR.

Jan.	To paid for the Account Book,	\$1 75
	“ “ James Hemphill, Esq., for taking new note from H. A. Davie and sureties,	10 00
	“ “ Prof. P. C. Edwards, on acc't salary, 1846,	164 00
“ 30,	“ “ Rev. Dr. Johnston's draft in favor of Samuel W. Nicholson, Beneficiary of Charleston Female Missionary & Education Soc.	87 50
Apl. 22,	“ “ Prof. P. C. Edwards, 1st qr's salary for 1847,	175 00
	“ “ Jas. C. Furman's 1st “ “ “	150 00
June 1,	“ “ James S. Mims' 1st “ “ “	225 00
22,	“ “ James S. Mims' 2d “ “ “	225 00
	“ “ James S. Furman's 2d “ “ “	150 00
26,	“ “ P. C. Edwards, on act 2 “ “ “	112 00
July 22,	“ “ P. C. Edwards, bal. 2 “ “ “	63 00
Augt.	“ “ Rev. Dr. Johnston's draft in favor of I. M. Springer, Beneficiary Charleston F. Miss. and Ed. Society,	62 50
Oct. 20,	“ “ P. C. Edwards 3rd qrs. salary for 1847,	175 00
25,	“ “ Jas. S. Mims, act 3rd “ “ “	57 56
Decr. 11,	“ “ James S. Mims, bal. 3rd “ “ “	167 44
	“ “ James S. Mims, 4th “ “ “	225 00
	“ “ P. C. Edwards 4th “ “ “	175 00
	“ “ P. C. Edwards balance of salary 1846,	39 95
	“ “ Jas. C. Furman, 3d & 4th qrs. salary, 1847,	300 00
	“ “ Samuel W. Nicholson, Beneficiary of the Charleston Female Missionary and Edu- cation Society,	25 00
13,	“ “ Rev. James B. Taylor, corresponding Sec- retary of the Board of Foreign Missions,	299 23
	“ “ Prof. Mims, Treasurer Board of Trustees for Furman Institution.	201 18
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PRINCIPAL. INTEREST.

Jan.	By Cash for 1 years interest on the on the Bond of H. A. Davis, and in full to 1st Jan. 1847,	140 00
April.	“ “ Dividends on Columbia Bridge Stock,	96 00
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Amount forward,		\$236 00

		Amount brought up,	\$236 00
April,		By Cash paid L. J. Jones, in full of interest on M. T. Menden- hall's Bond to 1st Jan. 1847,	700 00
	"	" " Rent of Entzminger land to to Jan. 1847, by the hand of Rev. Jas. S. Mims,	150 00
	"	" " Jno. F. Wilson, on acc't. of int. per B. C. Edwards,	14 00
	"	" " A. J. Lawton, former trea- surer, being balance in hand, permanent fund,	115 61
May	7, "	" " B.J. Bostick, prin. bond, burned,	50 00
	"	" " " in full of inter- est to 1st of January, 1847,	38 50
	14, "	" " M. S. Robert, on ac. prin- cipal of note,	174 00
	"	" " " in full of interest 1st January, 1847,	76 00
June	26, "	" " A. Sparks, on acct. of sub- scription to 2d Professor'h,	100 00
	"	" " Wiley Kelly sub. for do.	5 00
	"	" " A. E. Melver, on account interest for do.	7 00
	28, "	" " Mrs. Providence Poyas, principal bond, burned,	100 00
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		\$439 61	
	"	" " interest on the same,	77 00
Sept.	16, "	" " Edgefield B. Association, for Furman Institution,	76 00
Oct.	26, "	" " W. S. Lawton, in full of interest to January, 1748,	7 00
Nov.	22, "	" " A. J. Lawton, in full of interest to January, 1848,	35 00
Dec.	4, "	" " Charleston B. Association, per A. C. Smith, Treasurer General Committee for Furman Institution,	84 81
	7, "	" " B. F. Smith; in full for interest to Jan. 1st, 1848,	14 00
	"	" " C. A. Wheeler, in full for interest to 1st January, 1848,	7 00
	"	" " Thomas P. Smith, annuity for 2 qrs. and in full to 1st January, 1848,	60 00
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		Amount forward,	\$1687 31

		Amount brought up,	\$1687 31
Dec.	9,	By Cash, C. M. Furman, 2 yrs. int. to Jan. 1, '48,	70 00
	"	" C. M. Furman, 2 yrs. annuity, 1846-7,	40 00
	"	" E. L. Adams, 3 yrs. int. to Jan. 1, 1848,	10 50
	"	" E. L. Adams, annuity for 1847,	7 00
	9,	" A. C. Smith, 3 yrs. int. on his bond,	21 00
	11,	" B. S. Barrett, 2 yrs. inst. on his bond,	7 00
	"	" Noah Graham, 1 yrs int. on his bond,	1 40
	"	" Dr. B. S. Sweat, 1 year's annuity,	21 00
	"	" J. B. O. Dargan, 1 years interest,	3 50
	"	" C. Staley, 1 year's interest,	4 90
	"	" Rev. Dr. W. B. Johnson, 1 yrs. int.	35 00
	"	" Dr. R. T. Mims, 1 year's interest,	10 78
	"	" Geo. L. Penn, 1 year's interest,	7 00
	"	" E. J. Lide, Treasurer of the Welch Neck Asso., for Furman Institution,	40 37
	"	" Rev. S. Furman, 1 year's annuity,	35 00
	"	" R. G. Edwards, for interest,	21 75
	"	" J. A. W. Thomas, 1 year's interest to 1st June, 1847,	3 50
	"	" J. W. Burn, 1 1-2 year's interest to 1st Jan. 1848,	7 50
	"	" R. L. Burn, annuity to time of decease	2 50
	"	" E. J. Lide, interest,	5 00
	"	" G. H. Fountain, annuity to June 1, '48	5 00
	"	" S. B. Wilkins, " " "	5 00
	"	" John Courtney, 1 years interest,	7 00
	"	" George W. Dargan, interest,	1 75
	"	" T. P. Lide, 1 yrs. int. to Jan. 1848,	10 00
	"	" P. C. Edwards, int. to Jan. 1, 1848,	11 08
	"	" Salem B. Asso., for For. Missions,	178 53
	"	" " " " Educa. purposes,	48 00
	"	" " " " S. B. Pub. Soc.,	2 00
	"	" Mill Creek Ladies' Sewing Society, on account permanent fund, for the support of a Beneficiary at Furman Institution,	55 00
	13,	" Rev. R. Furman, for 2 years' interest in full to 1st January, 1848,	14 00
	"	" A. E. McIver, for balance of interest to 1st January, 1848,	3 50
	"	" Rev. J. Nicholes, 1 year's interest to 1st January, 1848,	3 50
	"	" Tyger River Baptist Association, for Foreign Missions,	55 22
		Amount forward,	\$2441 59

	Amount brought up,	\$2441 59
Dec. 13,	By Cash Public Collection on Sabbath, at Convention, to be divided equally between Foreign Missions and Education,	109 00
" "	Public Col. for African Missions,	11 00
" "	Broad River Baptist Society for spread of Gospel,	25 00
" "	Savannah River Baptist Association, for Minutes,	9 00
" "	Welch Neck Baptist Association, for Minutes,	3 00
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		\$2598 59
	Amount Principal collected brought forward,	439 61
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	Balance due to Treasurer,	52 91
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		\$3091 11

M. T. MENDENHALL, *Treasurer.*

The Committee on Accounts, to whom have been referred the Treasurer's accounts, report that they have examined the same, find them all correct and properly vouched, and a balance of Fifty-two 91-100 Dollars, due to the Treasurer.

T. P. LIDE, *Chairman.*

December 14, 1847.

APPENDIX.

By Cash from Charleston Female Miss. and Ed. Society,	
For Foreign Missions,	\$35 00
" Indian Missions,	35 00
" Furman Institution Library,	15 00
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	\$85 00

M. T. MENDENHALL, *Treasurer.*

Examined 14th Dec., 1847.

T. P. LIDE, *Chairman,*

TREASURER'S CONDENSED REPORT.

PERMANENT FUND.

Amount of Bonds, Bridge Stock, and Annuities, as per last report, 1846,	\$21,651 96
Received on the above in 1847,	324 00
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Amount of Bonds now due,	\$21,327 96

Amount brought up,	\$21,327 96
Interest on the above amount for 1847,	\$1492 95
“ due as per report of 1846,	2590 69
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	\$4083 64
Less amount of interest and annuities collected this year,	1732 26
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Balance of interest due,	\$2351 38
Bonds and subscriptions for 3d Professorship,	\$6565 00
Received on the above in 1847,	207 00
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Amount of Bonds, &c. now due,	\$6358 00
Value of Entzminger tract of land,	3200 00
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	\$9558 00
Interest and annuities now due,	482 05
Rent of Entzminger's land due,	125 00
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	\$10,165 05
Aggregate of principal,	\$9558 00
“ “ interest, &c.,	607 05
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	\$10,165 05
Amount of subscriptions obtained by Watkins and Culper, as per report of 1846,	\$652 00
Nothing has been received on this account.	
Amount of Bonds regarded bad, as per report of 1846,	\$5917 79
Interest on same then due,	4039 86
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	\$9957 65
To which add 1 year's intersst,	414 24
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	\$10,371 89

Nothing has occurred, during the past year, to change the classification of the above.

Should the foregoing estimate of available funds prove correct, the annual income will be as follows, viz :

On the permanent fund,	\$1492 95
On the fund for 3rd Professorship,	570 06

Aggregate of annual income,	\$2063 01
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Amount of Professor's salaries,	\$2200 00
Annual Deficit,	136 99

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M. T. MENDENHALL, *Treasurer.*

PERSONAL ACCOUNTS.

1847 PROF. JAMES C. FURMAN.

Dec. 14.	To paid him in full of salary for 1847,	\$600 00
	By his salary for 1847,	600 00

1847 PROF. JAMES S. MIMS.

Dec. 14.	To paid him,	\$900 00
	By his salary for 1847,	900 00

1847 PROF. P. C. EDWARDS.

Dec. 14.	To paid him bal. salary for 1846,	\$203 95
	To paid him salary for 1846,	700 00
		<u>\$903 95</u>
	By salary, balance for 1846,	\$203 95
	By salary for 1847,	700 00
		<u>903 95</u>

1847 THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

Dec. 14.	To cash paid Jas. C. Furman, salary for 1847,	\$600 00
	“ “ “ Jas. S. Mims, “ “ “	900 00
	“ “ “ P. C. Edwards, bal. sal. for 1846,	203 95
	“ “ “ “ salary for 1847,	700 00
		<u>\$2403 95</u>
	By int. on perm't fund and annuities,	\$1732 26
	“ “ on fund for 3d Professorship,	207 00
	“ cash on acct. of principal of funds,	439 61
	“ “ from Missionary Fund,	25 08
		<u>\$2403 95</u>

CHARLESTON FEMALE MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION
1847 SOCIETY.

Dec.	By amount of fund,	\$2500 00
	“ “ interest due at last report,	107 95
	“ “ “ for 1 year on capital,	175 00
		<u>\$2782 95</u>
	To cash pd S. W. Nicholson, beneficiary,	112 50
	“ “ “ Isaac M. Springer,	62 50
		<u>175 00</u>
		<u>\$2607 95</u>

1847	EDUCATION PURPOSES.	
Dec.	By Cash from Salem Baptist Association,	\$48 00

1847	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.	
Dec,	By Cash from Salem Baptist Association for Foreign Missions,	\$178 53
	“ “ Tyger River B. Asso. for For. Missions,	55 22
	“ 1-2 Public collection on Sabbath, at Conven'n,	54 50
	“ “ “ for African Missions,	11 00
	“ cash from Broad River Baptist Society for spread of the Gospel, 1-2 to F. and 1-2 to D. Missions,	25 00
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		\$324 25
	To cash paid Jas B. Taylor, Cor. Secretary of Board Foreign Missions,	299 23
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		\$25 02

FOR PRINTING MINUTES OF CONVENTION.

	By cash of Savannah River Bap. Association,	\$9 00
	“ “ “ Welch Neck “	3 00
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		\$12 00

1847	FURMAN INSTITUTION.	
Dec.	By Cash from Edgefield Baptist Association,	\$76 00
	“ “ “ Charleston “ “	84 81
	“ “ “ Welch Neck “ “	40 37
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		\$201 18
	To cash paid Prof. Mims, Treas. Board of Trustees,	201 18

1847	SOUTHERN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.	
Dec.	By cash from Salem Baptist Association,	\$2 00

ABSTRACT

Of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the Furman Theological Seminary.

A quorum of the Board met at the Institution, in June last, when Dr. T. Curtis and R. Furman were elected members in lieu of Dr. Fuller, removed, and J. Boykin resigned.

Dr. Johnson having been prevented from attending, by the illness of his family, the Board, by resolution, tendered to him an expression of their sympathy.

BEULAH, Dec. 10, 1847.

The Board met, and after prayer by Dr. Maclay, proceeded to business.

Brethren Culpepper and Scott, were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's Accounts. Certain editorials in the Baptist Guardian, of Richmond, Va., reflecting upon the character of the Furman Institution, and the Board of Trustees, were read, and the following committee was appointed to take the matter in hand, and report, viz: Dr. Johnson, Dargan, Brooker, Mendenhall, and J. A. Lawton.

The Treasurer submitted a report which was endorsed by the Auditing Committee.

The Report of the Faculty was read, accepted and filed.

The Executive Agent reported that a settlement had been effected of the difficulty between Col. Smith and the Board. The dilapidated condition of the fences on the lands belonging to this body, was adverted to by the Agent, who was clothed with discretionary power in the premises.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the demand of Col. Smith, with any funds he may have in hand, or receive, for such purposes.

MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 13.

The Board held a meeting at the house of Col. Robert Adams.

On motion of J. Culpepper,

Resolved, That we employ an Agent to take up collections for the Furman Institution the ensuing year, at a salary of eight hundred dollars.

That brother H. D. Duncan, be requested to accept of said agency.

On motion of H. A. Duncan,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to consult and inquire, with reference to the practicability of removing the Institution to Columbia.

The following brethren were accordingly appointed:—H. A. Duncan, J. C. Furman, J. A. Lawton, Dr. Mendenhall, R. Furman, J. O. B. Dargan.

Professor Mims was re-elected Treasurer and Executive Agent.

The first Article of the 5th Section of the Constitution was so

amended as to require the semi-annual meetings of the Board to commence on Friday, instead of Saturday, before the 3d Sabbath in June.

At a meeting of the Board, on Tuesday, brother Duncan declined giving a decisive answer in relation to accepting the Agency, until after his return home. He was requested to communicate with the President, who was authorized to furnish credentials, and publish his appointment.

Dr. Johnson was elected President of the Board, H. D. Duncan, Vice President, and T. P. Lide, Secretary.

A Committee consisting of Dr. Johnson, M. T. Mendenhall, T. P. Lide, and A. J. Lawton, was appointed, and clothed with discretionary power to select an Agent or Agents, in case of the non-acceptance of Rev. H. D. Duncan.

The Special Committee raised on Friday, submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be read to the Convention.

FURMAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.

TO REV. J. L. REYNOLDS, *Editor of the Baptist Guardian* :

DEAR SIR :—We have seen, with unfeigned regret, your Editorial in the Baptist Guardian of the 15th Novr., of this year, under the title which is placed at the head of this communication. As this Editorial presents “the Institution and some of its Professors,” in no very favorable light, you will not be surprised, that its Board of Trustees should take some notice of it, nor that they should ask for this notice, a place in the “Guardian.” We request, therefore, that you will do us the justice to admit into its columns, at the earliest period, this article.

Quoting from the Southern Baptist, an expression of friendly regard for the Institution, you add :—In these sentiments and good wishes, we heartily concur, and regret that the movements of the indiscreet friends of the Institution, have placed it in a ridiculous attitude before the denomination. Not very long ago, an effort was made to place it under the special guardianship of the Southern Baptist Convention, to the exclusion of all similar Institutions ; and its friends were urged to go *en masse* to Richmond, for the purpose of accomplishing this quixotic design. One of its Professors was present at the organization of the Convention, in Augusta, and pressed the matter upon sundry brethren there, urging in support of the scheme, the very remarkable argument, that whereas Furman Institution had *two whole* Professors, Mercer University had *only half a one*. Such a reflexion upon the learned Professor of Mercer University, excited just indignation, and drew forth the pithy retort, that half such a Professor was equivalent to a score of conceited striplings. The whole scheme failed, and we have not heard anything since about making the Institution a Seminary for the entire South.”

As some mistakes have found their way into the above statement, we give the following as the more correct version of the subject on which it treats.

The establishment of a central Theological Seminary had not engaged the attention of the Southern Baptist Convention, during its sitting in Augusta. But it was thought by some, that it might do so at a future meeting, and in a conference of brethren, after the adjournment of the Convention, the subject of such an Institution was brought up for discussion. In the interchange of views on this subject, brethren of South Carolina brought forward the Furman Theological Institution, as uniting to its central position in the Southern States, a course of Theological Instruction and other appliances, which rendered it suitable for such an enterprize. Nothing final, however, was determined on, and the matter was referred to a similar meeting, that might be held the next year at Richmond.

A few months after, Bro. R. Furman, in communicating for the Biblical Recorder, some resolutions of the Welch Neck Association, closed the list with the following:—"Resolved, That we regard the endowment of a third Professorship in the Furman Institution, as a matter of great importance, and that four agents be appointed to procure bonds for this desirable object." He then adds, "From the last resolution, you will perceive that our brethren are awake to the importance of permanently establishing our Institution, and of establishing it on an exalted basis, and of giving to it, at as early a period as possible, a full complement of Professors. Attempts are being made to draw the attention of Southern Baptists to Theological Institutions in other States. But our Institution has the highest claims to the patronage and support of the South. Its location, its past history, its *purely theological character*, the services which it has already rendered, and its daily brightening prospects, entitle it to distinction. I sincerely hope the Baptists of the State will go, *in their strength*, to Richmond, in June, and will there offer such inducements to the brethren assembled, as will lead them to adopt our Seminary as the great Southern Theological Institution.

From the above statement it surely does not appear that either in the conference at Augusta, or in Bro. Furman's communication to the Recorder, was there an effort made to place it (our Institution,) under "*the special guardianship of the Southern Baptist Convention.*" Nor were its friends urged to go *en masse* to Richmond, for the purpose of accomplishing this "quixotic design." So far from Bro. Furman's urging them to go to Richmond for such a purpose, he, in a subsequent communication to the Recorder, says: "I question the competency of the Convention to act in this matter. Nor do I think it desirable that they should."

The thought of placing our Institution *under the guardianship of the Southern Baptist Convention, or of any other body of men*, no more entered the minds of its friends, than did the thought of placing

Mercer or Howard under *such guardianship*, enter into the minds of the friends of those Institutions respectively. The members of the Conference met, not to seek *special guardianship* for any of their cherished institutions, but for another object. And surely the arguments urged by the Professor of Furman Institution, in that meeting, (one of which only you have been pleased to give,) and the claims set up by Bro. Furman, give us no indication, that either thought the Institution needed *special guardianship*. When Bro. Furman urged the Baptists of the State to go *in their strength* to Richmond, it was not to seek *the special guardianship of the Southern Baptist Convention* for our Institution, but to offer such inducements to the brethren assembled in the meeting, to which the subject of a central Theological Institution for the South, had been referred by the Conference at Augusta, that these brethren might be led to adopt the Furman Institution for that purpose. But the meeting was not held, and nothing more has been done in the matter.

Now what is there in "these movements of the friends of the Institution" indiscreet, as you are pleased to call them, that is calculated to place "it in a ridiculous attitude before the denomination"? May it not rather be said, that by your "indiscreet" editorial, the attempt has been made "to place the Institution in a ridiculous attitude," not only "before the denomination," but before the world?

You give the following "very remarkable argument," as urged by the Professor of Furman Institution, upon sundry brethren at Augusta, "That whereas, Furman Institution has two whole Professors, Mercer University has only *a half of one*." If this "very remarkable argument" were urged in the Conference, it was in the presence of the President of the University, who was a member of that meeting, and surely was not urged in such a manner as to wound his feelings. And this will appear from the reason of the argument, which is simply this. The President of the University, justly esteemed for his attainments and worth, in addition to a Professorship in the University, was, at that time, the only Professor in the Theological Department. In the double relation of President and Professor in the University, and Professor in Theology, his time would be so divided between the duties of the Presidency and the two Professorships, as to leave not more than half of it, if so much, to be devoted to the Professorship of Theology. This explains satisfactorily the ground of the argument, and shews, that the Professor of Furman Institution had no reference to the *qualifications* of the President, but to the *time* that the Theological Department would receive at his hands. "The pithy retort," which you say was drawn forth by this argument, thus loses its force, and if it were made in the Conference, was spoken in so low a tone of voice, as not to be heard by the Professor, or those near him, or he would have immediately explained his meaning, as given above.

Your next paragraph is as follows :—"Although we have no hope

of seeing the Institution occupy a very high position, at least for some years to come, we think with such reforms as are needed, it may be made very useful in elevating the ministry of South Carolina. To this end, it is necessary, in the first place, to remove from office some of the present incumbents, who are, in fact, incumbrances. Professor Edwards is a scholar, and worthy of the station which he occupies. The other Professors are incompetent, especially the Senior Professor, whose incompetency is well known, and the subject of common remark."

You, dear sir, were elected Senior Professor of the Institution in 1839, and became a member of its Board of Trustees in 1841. The Professor of Christian Theology, whom you now represent as incompetent, was elected in 1842, and served with you in 1844, when you went out of office. During that period, we had not assigned to these Professors their respective departments of instruction, but left the arrangements to themselves. You had, thus, an opportunity, for two entire years, of becoming acquainted with the competency or incompetency of this Professor. If he is *now* incompetent, he must have been so during *that period*. Why, then, sustaining as you did, all that time, the double relation of Senior Professor to the Institution and member of the Board of Trustees, why did you not, then, in your place, make the incompetency of this "incumbent," who, as you now say, is an "incumbrance," known to the Board, that we might have rid the Institution of such an incubus? If *false delicacy* hindered you from making the disclosure while *acting* with this Professor, why did you not do it in the year, during which, after your connexion with the Institution was dissolved, you still remained a member of the Board of Trustees? Why did you wait until you had left the State for nearly two years, to make this disclosure? And why did you do it then in the manner you have done, when, were there any just ground for it, it ought, in all faithfulness, to have been made when you were present, and officially bound to make it, and could have sustained the allegations, if true?

But what is the more surprising and unaccountable in this matter, is, that whilst acting with this Professor, so far from deeming him incompetent or heterodox, you spoke of his scholarship and mode of instruction in the most favorable terms, and in your conversations with him on the teachings of the Scripture, you entertained the same faith he did. How does your representation of him *now* comport with your opinion of him *then*? Which shall we receive as correct? Happily for us, we can add to our own most favorable opinion of his competency, both in *scholarship and orthodoxy*, the testimony of the Professors of Newton Theological Institution, under whom he graduated. In letters from these distinguished brethren, now before us, we have the most satisfactory testimonials of the diligence, success, christian character and scholarship of the Professor of Christian Theology. They moreover, express their high satisfaction at his appointment to a Pro-

fessorship in our Institution, and their opinion that in this department of religious service, he will render essential aid to the interests of Zion.

You represent the incompetency of the Senior Professor to be "well known, and the subject of common remark." How comes it to pass, then, that whilst you were the Senior Professor of the Institution, you consulted a member of the church, of which the present Senior Professor was the highly esteemed Pastor, on the practicability of obtaining him as a brother Professor, offering, at the same time, to alternate with him, the title and authority of the senior officer of the Institution? If competent *then*, he cannot be less so *now*. You will then, after all, not be surprised at our entire refusal to have either of our Professors subjected to an examination by the most *competent judges*. We have too much respect for *their* feelings and characters and we have also too much respect for *our own*, to submit, at *your* suggestion, to such an ordeal. The services of these valuable men have been too long felt and acknowledged, they have been too highly appreciated by the students, the Board, the Convention and the denomination in the State, to leave any just ground of doubt as to their competency or orthodoxy.

In your third paragraph, another point is mentioned in the following words: "There is another matter which is worthy of notice. That confidence in the orthodoxy of the Professor of Christian Theology is, to some extent, shaken, even in South Carolina, is a fact, which no one acquainted with public sentiment in the State, will, we presume, deny. His teachings are suspected by some, and believed by others, to be at variance with the confessions of faith, which have been put forth by the Associations united in the State Convention, as the exponents of their faith. It can scarcely be expected that they will contribute to the endowment of an Institution, in which the faith of the denomination is openly impugned or secretly undermined.

You, dear sir, left the Institution in December, 1844. In May, 1846, not quite a year and a half after, encouraged by the liberal contributions made by brethren in the State, we added a third Professor to the Institution, in the appointment of Rev. P. C. Edwards, to whom is assigned the department of the Hebrew Language, Biblical Literature and Interpretations. We have also the satisfaction to know, that certain generous individuals of the State, have, in the course of this year, made provision, by will, for the Institution, to an amount exceeding one thousand dollars. Thus far, then, neither the alleged "incompetency of some of the Professors," nor "the suspected orthodoxy" of one of them, has hindered contributions for the endowment of the Institution. Nor has its prosperity been hindered from these causes by a diminution of students. For instead of a falling off in their number, there has been an increase since you left the Institution.

You express, in your fourth paragraph, the belief, "that much would

be gained for the prosperity of the Institution, and the harmony of the denomination in South Carolina, by making a clean sweep of the whole concern, and beginning *de novo*." But why should we do this? To the Senior Professor we have assigned the department of Pastoral duties, Sacred Rhetoric, and Ecclesiastical History, for which we regard him as most happily fitted; and to the second, the department of systematic Theology, for which he is not the less happily qualified. Now as, except from yourself, we have heard no complaint of incompetency in either, nor any suspicion of heterodoxy in the latter, as we are perfectly satisfied with both, and our Institution is prospering and growing in the estimation of the Denomination in the State, we "thank God and take courage."

We are now led to ask in conclusion, why the hostility to these Professors which you have manifested? They are brother ministers of high standing in the State. Why to the Senior Professor is such marked discourtesey shewn? You will remember that when, after your resignation of the office you held, you were anxious to be re-appointed to it; you did not succeed, and he was elected to it. He did not seek or desire the office. Neither did his relations or kindred desire it for him. Happily situated with a beloved church, he desired not a removal from his spiritual charge. And when it was proposed to him to accept the office, he declined it, and did not, up to the moment of his election, give any of the members of the Board reason to believe that he would accept it, and even after his election, it was not until he was particularly conversed with by some of the Board, on the subject, and urged to accept the office, that he consented to do so. It will be recollected too, that some years previous to *your* election, *he* was elected to a Professorship in the Institution, and declined its acceptance. Why this opposition to him now? What good is to result from your bitter editorial in the Guardian, in reference to the Institution and the Professors, whom you represent as incompetent.

In the first place, according to your own statement, "the whole scheme" at which "the indiscreet friends of the Institution" were aiming, has failed, and "nothing has been heard of it since." Why then resuscitate the recollection of what can neither benefit you, nor their friends, nor any body else, but of what is calculated to irritate and to alienate brethren, upon whom the duty of union and brotherly love is imperative.

In the second place, if the two Professors, whose incompetency you represent to be so glaring, be indeed incumbrances, would it not have been better to have addressed a friendly communication to the Board of Trustees, on the subject, than to have proclaimed their defects to the world? You profess a friendly regard for the Institution, which we will not now stop to question, but your mode of showing it is in strange contrast with your profession. You were once a student and afterwards the senior professor of the Institution. Would that your

editorial breathed more the spirit of filial affection, more the spirit of paternal regard for its welfare ! What has the Institution done to you ? what the Board ? what the Convention ? what the denomination in your State, your native State, to draw forth from you so severe, so bitter an editorial ? We trust, dear sir, that on a calm, prayerful review of this editorial, you will see your error in sending it forth to the world in "the Guardian," and that you will deeply regret the wounds you have inflicted upon many a heart that has loved and respected you, and that desires still to love and respect you. Our prayer is, that He, who maketh even "the wrath of man to praise Him," will so overrule all our *mistakes*, that we may "live in peace," and endeavor to keep the "unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

WILLIAM BULLEIN JOHNSON,

Chairman.

18th December, 1847.

The Committee in relation to changing the site of the Institution, made a partial report and were continued.

Adjourned.

T. P. LIDE, *Secretary.*

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

BEULAH, Dec. 14, 1847.

1. The Society was called to order by the President.
2. Prayer by Rev. T. Adams.
3. The Reports of the Executive Committee and of the Treasurer were received.
4. Interesting addresses on the subject of Ministerial Education, were made by Messrs Culpepper, Jordan, Kendrick, and Elford, after which, a number of new names were added to the list of members of the Society.
5. The Constitution was amended by adding a provision, that any person may become a life-member of the Society, by the payment of twenty dollars at one time.
6. Elected the following officers for the next year, viz:—W. B. Johnson, President; Joseph Grisham, A. J. Lawton, J. M. Chiles, J. Culpepper, Vice Presidents; James S. Mims, Secretary and Treasurer; J. C. Furman, P. C. Edwards and J. S. Mims, the Executive Committee.

Adjourned,

JAMES S. MIMS, *Secretary*.

N. B.—The members of the Society throughout the State, are reminded, that the Treasury needs a considerable increase of funds, and those in arrears are earnestly requested to remit the amounts due to the Treasurer by mail, as soon as convenient.

J. S. M.

Amount of monies received by the Treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist Educational Society, for the year ending December 1847.

Balance remaining in the Treasury, as per last report,	\$111 36
Edward Anderson, 10; J. Culpepper, 10; G. J. James, 10;	30 00
T. J. Flinn, 10; W. P. Hill, 5; J. M. Roberts, 10;	25 00
J. Huet, 5; J. Fripp, 5; Mrs. C. Trotti, 5;	15 00
Mrs. C. Maner, 10; A. J. Lawton, 5; J. S. Mims, 5;	20 00
Wm. Brooker, 10; W. B. Johnson, 5; W. Royal, 5;	20 00
C. L. Goodwin, 5; A. B. Addison, 5; J. Lipscombe, 5;	15 00
N. L. Griffin, 5; Mrs. E. Smith, 10; Z. Watkins, 5;	20 00
R. G. Edwards, 5; E. J. Lide, 5; T. P. Lide, 5;	15 00
J. A. Lawton, 5; T. W. Rambant, 5; Mrs. Corley, 5;	15 00
T. O. B. Dargan, 5; J. H. Cuthbert, 5; L. DuPre, 5;	15 00
J. L. Brooks, 5; J. R. Shurley, 5; H. D. Duncan, 5;	15 00
M. W. Sams, 5; H. A. Duncan, 5; J. R. Kendrick, 5;	15 00
J. S. Antley, 5; Jno. Scott, 5; T. Adams, 5;	15 00
W. A. Lawton, 5; Miss S. Lawton, 5; A lady, 1;	11 00
M. T. Mendenhall, 5; R. I. Daxant, 5; J. C. Furman, 5;	15 00
A. M. Cartledge, 5; P. C. Edwards, 5;	10 00
Robt. Adams, 5; Mrs. Robt. Adams, 5;	10 00

\$392 36

Per Contra.

By cash paid R. W. Lawson, Beneficiary,	\$51 00
" " " Jno. Farrar, "	54 00
" " " L. M. Cohen, "	100 00
" " " B. F. Corley, "	64 00
" " " A. S. Morrall, "	50 00
" " " G. B. Bealer, "	50 00

\$369 00

Dec. 1847, Balance in the Treasury, \$23 36

JAMES S. MIMS, *Treasurer.*

